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### Age Ranges for the 2008-09 New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA)

NYSAA is a datafolio assessment that measures student progress in achieving the learning standards through alternate grade level indicators. All students in the following age ranges who are eligible to take NYSAA must be tested in 2008-09. Students with severe disabilities are assessed according to chronological ages aligned with grade levels as indicated below. Students should be tested only once at each grade and in all the content areas indicated for each grade.

<b>Age Ranges for Testing on NYSAA in 2008–09</b>		
<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Birth Date</b>	<b>Reaches This Age Between September 1, 2008 and August 31, 2009</b>
Grade 3 ELA, Mathematics	September 1, 1999—August 31, 2000	9
Grade 4 ELA, Mathematics, Science	September 1, 1998—August 31, 1999	10
Grade 5 ELA, Mathematics, Social Studies	September 1, 1997—August 31, 1998	11
Grade 6 ELA, Mathematics	September 1, 1996—August 31, 1997	12
Grade 7 ELA, Mathematics	September 1, 1995—August 31, 1996	13
Grade 8 ELA, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies	September 1, 1994—August 31, 1995	14
Secondary-Level ELA, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies	September 1, 1990—August 31, 1991	18*

**\*Note:** NYSAA-eligible students who will be leaving school before they reach their eighteenth birthday must take the secondary-level NYSAA before they leave school (i.e., when they are 17 years old). NYSAA-eligible students with a birth date prior to September 1, 1990 who have not been assessed must be assessed in 2008-09 before they leave school.